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CLR Members,

I hope that everyone is safe and well and continuing to adhere to the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) guidelines for social distancing and self-isolation.

In his address this morning, the Prime Minister announced that as of today, Canadians can start applying for the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB). Only Canadians who were born in the months of January, February or March can apply today. The government is trying to control the volume of applications to something more manageable. Those born in other months can apply soon. Applications can be made at www.canada.ca or by phone 1-800-959-2019.

The Prime Minister also announced today that the government is working to address situations where there are Canadians who are not eligible for the \$500/week subsidy under current requirements. Specifically, those who work 10 hours per week or less and as such, making less while working than they would if they were laid off and applied for wage subsidies. The intent is to keep people working where possible so the government will be looking into this and making further announcements soon. He also added that the government needs to review how the wage subsidies can be improved upon to assist students who will be in need of jobs when school is let out for the summer, but will be unable to find those jobs.

Starting this morning at 9:00 a.m. Regional Safety Advisors alongside BC Construction Safety Alliance (BCCSA) Senior Research Scientist (Dr. Melanie Gorman-Ng, PhD Hygienist with a sub-specialty in epidemiology), will be hosting a [LIVE video conference](#) call to answer all your Covid-19 workplace related construction questions. These sessions will be held for the entire week at 9:00 a.m. Depending on demand, they will be continued in the days and weeks to come.

In addition, BCCSA has developed new resources and updated existing ones. Please follow these links for:

1. [Updated Guidance on Covid-19](#)
2. [New: Employer Covid-19 Site Inspection \(download\)](#)
3. [New: Hazard Assessment and Control \(download\)](#)
4. [Updated: What if Physical Distancing is not Possible \(download\) – reposted after temporarily removing](#)
5. [New: Everyone do their part – Poster \(download\)](#)
6. [Pandemic Handwashing Station on a Construction Site \(download\)](#)

BCCSA invites you to check back regularly at [BCCSA's Covid-19 Resource page](#) for updates and new material.

Stay safe and please keep watching for further updates from CLR as we learn new information about the pandemic and how it is impacting you, your business and all of us who depend on this industry for our livelihoods.

Sincerely,

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